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DURING GENERAL REVIEW OF PRE-UNSSOD STATE OF PLAY
APRIL 24 BETWEEN FCO AND VISITING ACDA COUNSELOR ADAM
YARMOLINSKY, SEVERAL NEW POINTS EMERGED ON MACHINERY AND
NEGATIVE ASSURANCES ISSUES.

(1) MACHINERY. FCO OFFICIALS (ASSISTANT UNDER-
SECRETARY MOBERLY AND MALLABY, HEAD OF ARMS CONTROL AND
DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT) SAID UK SHARED VIEW THAT
DELIBERATIVE BODY SHOULD BE UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE, SHORN
OF ITS OTHER POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. UK SEES
SEVERAL DISADVANTAGES IN IDEA OF RESURRECTING UN
DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. IN ADDITION TO DUPLICATING TIME
AND EXPENSE OF INEVITABLE FIRST COMMITTEE DISARMAMENT
DEBATE, UNDC HAS CONSTITUTIONAL DEFECT OF BEING ABLE TO
SPAWN ITS OWN NEGOTIATING BODIES. (MULLABY POINTED OUT
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LINEAGE OF PRESENT CCD ITSELF CAN BE TRACED TO ONE OF
EARLY, IF INFREQUENT, UNDC SESSIONS.) THIS OBVIOUSLY
COULD BE DELETERIOUS TO WORK AND ROLE OF CCD.

(2) FCO BELIEVES FOR TACTICAL REASONS, UK SHOULD
NOW "GO QUIET" ON CCD ENLARGEMENT. BRITISH DETECT
LITTLE PRESSURE FROM THOSE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES NOT
ALREADY INVOLVED IN WORK OF CCD, AND BELIEVE ANY NEW

WESTERN INDICATIONS OF FLEXIBILITY MAY LEAD PREMATURELY TO LARGER AND LESS MANAGEABLE ENLARGEMENT PROPOSALS. THUS THEY SEE WESTERN AGREEMENT TO ENLARGEMENT BY UP TO TEN, PLUS SC MEMBERS (BOTH PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT) AS UNNECESSARY IN PRESENT SITUATION.

(3) MALLABY REPORTED THAT FRENCH EMBOFF IN CONVERSATION LAST WEEK AT FCO, HAD INDICATED FRANCE WOULD NOT INSIST ON NEW ORGANIZATION TO REPLACE CCD. MOREOVER, FRENCH NOW APPEAR TO ACCEPT THAT NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UNSC COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH CCD-TYPE NEGOTIATING BODY IN SOME MANNER SHORT OF FULL MEMBERSHIP

(4) NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES. ACCORDING TO MALLABY, FRENCH ARE THINKING OF OFFERING ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ALLIANCES WHICH REST ON THE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. SUBJECT HAD ONLY BEEN DISCUSSED ORALLY WITH BRITISH AND WORDING OF FORMULA REMAINS VAGUE. MALLABY COMMENTED IDEA SEEMED DESIGNED ONLY TO MOLLIFY NON-ALIGNED AND CONTAINED NO LANGUAGE FOR PROMOTING NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, AS DOES UK FORMULA. BRITISH UNDERSTOOD FRENCH DEMARCHE WAS BEING MADE TO SEVERAL CAPITALS, BUT THEY WERE NOT SPECIFIED.

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